

1840

John William Draper made
the first feeble daguerreotype
of the moon.

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For decades Americans
thought tomatoes were
poison, but by 1840
had learned the truth.

May 21, 1840

New Zealand was declared
a British Colony.

1840 → 1850 till well after 1850

The famous Oregon trail was followed by covered wagons & extended almost 3000 mi from Independence Missouri to Oregon City, Oregon. "Prairie schooners."

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1840 → late 1800's

The Oregon Trail, extending almost 2,000 miles from Independence, Missouri to Oregon City, Oregon, beckoned pioneers and settlers with the promise of rich land in Oregon's fertile Willamette River Valley. From 1840 until well after 1900, wagon train after wagon train of "prairie schooners" pulled by horses, mules or oxen, followed the ever deepening ruts westward. The average trip took six months... of hardship, deprivation, hunger, thirst, sickness, loss and sometimes death...but also survival to reach the promised land of Oregon.

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